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TAGS: SHUM PINT KS
SUBJ: CONDITION OF MYONGDONG PRISONERS: MUN IK-HWAN ENDS
HUNGER STRIKE

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1. ONE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG'S SECRETARIES REPORTS THAT MUN IK-HWAN ENDED HUNGER STRIKE JUNE 8. (ROKG SOURCES CONFIRM.) REPORTEDLY, MUN SAID MU WAS ACTING TO ALLEVIATE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO MUN SAID THAT HE HAD EMBARKED ON FAST TO HELP KOREAN PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY, BUT UPON REFLECTION, HE REALIZED THAT HUNGER STRIKE WAS INAPPROPRIATE AS IT WAS A FORM OF TEMPTING GOD (TESTING THE WILL OF GOD).

2. A NUMBER OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS REPORTEDLY WENT TO CHONJU PRISON TO CONVINCE MUN TO GIVE UP FAST. ONLY AGED MOTHER WHO HAD FLOWN IN FROM CANADA WHERE SHE IS RESIDENT, WAS PERMITTED TO SEE HIM. HE WAS, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY MADE AWARE OF CONSTERNATION HIS FAST HAD CAUSED HIS COLLEAGUES IN HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE.
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